



California Medical Waste Management Program TRAUMA SCENE PRACTITIONERS CHECKLIST

This checklist is provided for your convenience to help track your application process. Keep it for your records.

All Trauma Scene Waste Management Practitioners are required to register with the California Department of Public Health. A trauma scene waste management practitioner is a person who undertakes as a commercial activity the removal of human blood, human body fluids, and other associated residues from the scene of a serious human injury, illness, or death (Health and Safety Code [HSC], Section 117778).

The adoption of the Trauma Scene Waste Management Act (SB 1034, Chapter 732, Statutes of 1997) mandates the California Department of Public Health, Medical Waste Management Program (Department) to register all practitioners of trauma scene waste management in the State, as well as to provide a list of all registrants “. . . to all local agency health officers and directors of environmental health, county administrators, and county sheriffs, and [to] make the list available, upon request, to other public agencies and to the public.” A current list of Trauma Scene Waste Management Practitioners is available at <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste>.

- ☐ Complete the Trauma Scene and Medical Waste Transporter Identification/Facility Utilization form (CDPH 8668) which is available at the Program website, and submit it to the Department. Practitioners may transport medical/trauma scene waste from a job-site to a point of transfer or treatment. They may NOT transport waste generated by others unless they have dual authorizations, as both a Transporter as well as a TSW Practitioner.
- ☐ A copy of the service agreement with the off-site treatment or transfer facility is **REQUIRED**. An alternative is the use of approved “professional” mail-back containers. See the approved list on the Program website. For Trauma Scene Waste Practitioner renewals, also include recent proof of disposal. Pursuant to Section 117705 HSC, Trauma Scene Practitioners are “generators” of any medical waste at a crime or trauma scene—and as such, they must retain records of proper disposal for three (3) years.
- ☐ Submit the proper fee (Current Fees [CDPH 8662] which is available on the CDPH website, with a check made payable to the **Medical Waste Management Fund** and proof of the contractual agreement with the permitted medical waste facility that will receive your trauma scene waste, and mail to:

California Department of Public Health
Medical Waste Management Program (MS 7405)
P.O. Box 997377
Sacramento, CA 95899-7377

- ☐ **NOTE:** You must be in possession of an official certificate of registration from the Department, or a copy thereof, prior to the initiation of trauma scene cleanup activities.

Upon Department of Public Health approval of registration, the Department will place your name on the list of registered trauma scene waste management practitioners. You should receive an updated list with your registration certificate.

NOTE: If you fail to renew your registration, your registration information will be permanently deleted from our records. In order to continue to practice, you will be required to complete the entire registration process as a new registrant.